

House Resolution No. 726

Whereas, it is with great pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize LuAnn Reece, who is the proud recipient of a 2003 St. Charles County Heroes for Mental Health award; and

Whereas, the Crider Center for Mental Health will honor LuAnn Reece with the Mental Health Advocacy Award during a special presentation to be held March 7, 2003, at The Columns in St. Charles, Missouri; and

Whereas, LuAnn Reece is an advocate for children with serious emotional disturbances who has spent twenty-five hours each week driving to St. Charles County from her home in St. Francois County for the past nine years; and

Whereas, during the last four and a half years, LuAnn Reece has helped in the development of the system of care in St. Charles County known as "Partnership with Families", where she has served as the Parent Partner Supervisor, a position in which she oversees Parent Partners who have children with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and trains them to support families whose children are affected by the disorder; and

Whereas, the mother of three and grandmother of four, LuAnn Reece credits her ability to make a difference in St. Charles County to the love and understanding of her late husband, Joel, who looked after their son who was diagnosed with SED so that LuAnn could work away from home at a job that she loved; and

Whereas, LuAnn Reece is exceedingly proud of her affiliation with such important organizations as the National System of Care Communications Academy and the Missouri Department of Mental Health State Advisory Council, of which she has been a member for three years and was selected Chair earlier this year; and

Whereas, LuAnn Reece hopes to take the knowledge she has gained while working in the St. Charles community back to her home in St. Francois County where she would like to develop a system of care for children in her community:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to LuAnn Reece upon her most worthy receipt of the Mental Health Advocacy Award, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for LuAnn Reece.

Offered by _____
Representative Carl Bearden
District No. 16

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 726, adopted March 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker